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SUBJ: US-PHILIPPINE TEXTILE BILATERAL TALKS

1. USG, GOP REACHED ACCORD ON MOST OF SIX REQUESTS BY GOP FOR CHANGES IN BILATERAL AGREEMENT.

2. ON REQUEST FOR MERGER OF 218/219/228/234/235, USG AGREED TO MERGET 218/219 AND NEW PARTIAL BREAKOUT, 224(4) KNIT TOPS, WITH AMOUNT OF 224(4) TO BE SUBTRACTED FROM 224(OTHER) TO BE DETERMINED ON BASIS OF TRADE IN TEHESE TSUSA NUMBERS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 1976 (GENERAL IMPORTS). USG AGREED TO SEPARATE MERGER 234/235 BUT TOLD GOP CAT 228 COULD NOT BE MERGED IN ANY WAY (GOP ANTICIPATED US REFUSAL).

3. USG REFUSED ANY INCREASE REQUESTED IN CAT. 224(1) AND (2) (KNIT SUITS AND COATS) OR MERGER OF KNIT SUITS WITH CAT. 237, WOVEN SUITS, BUT AGREED IT WOULD OBTAIN VIEWS OF INDUSTRY ADVISORS TO TRANSFER OF 60,000 UNITS OUT OF CAT 237, WITH EQUIVALENT YARDAGE BEING TRANSFERRED INTO CAT. 224(1), AND WOULD THEN PROVIDE DEFINITIVE ANSWER.

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4. TO REQUEST FOR INCREASE OF 1.66 MILLION POUNDS IN CAT.
224(3) (OTHER) USDEL AGREED ON TRANSFER OF YARDAGE FOR 400,000
DOZEN 224(3)T INTO 224(3)N.T. ACCORDING TO USDEL TENTATIVE
CALCULATIONS, THIS RESULTS IN TRANSFER 696,000 POUNDS OR
5,428,800 SQ. YDS.
5. USDEL REJECTED REQUEST FOR INCREASE OF 70,000 DOZ. IN
CONSULTATION LEVEL FOR 221N.T. BUT AGREED ON TRANSFER OF 77,000
DOZ. OUT OF 221T IN EXCHANGE FOR 33,000 DOZ INCREASE IN
221N.T. WITH LATTER ALSO BECOMING SPECIFIC CEILING.
6. ALL AGOVE CHANGES WOULD BECOME EFFECTIVE FOR FIRST AGREEMENT
YEAR (I.E. AS OF OCT 1, 1975). NOTES TO AMEND BILATERAL WOULD
BE EXCHANGES ASAP.
7. USDEL ALSO AGREED TO TREAT CATEGORIES 42/43/62 (PART) AS ONE
CATEGORY FOR SECOND AGREEMENT YEAR AT CURRENT LEVELS PLUS GROWTH.
8. DOC OFFICE OF TEXTILES SHOULD DETERMINE NUMBERS FOR
THESE CHANGES AND DRAFT TENTATIVE IMPLEMENTING NOTES.
9. ALSO DOC OFFICE OF TEXTILES SHOULD CALCULATE MATHEMATICS
OF POSSIBLE YARDAGE TRANSFERS FROM (A) 237 INTO 224(1) AND
(B) 229 INTO 224(2), I.E. HOW COULD THIS BE DONE AND DOES EITHER
POSSIBILITY WORK TO US ADVANTAGE IN REAL CURRENT TRADE TERMS.
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